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Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal Goods <i>Foreign citizens coming temporarily to Bulgaria</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of international passport • Original Power of attorney document legalized by a Bulgarian notary • *Local identity card for temporary residence- "lichna karta" • Copy of all pages of international passport • Letter from Employer stating employment • Packing list in English including make and serial number of all electrical appliances and electronic articles • Inventory list with weight and prices of all valuable items i.e. paintings, fine arts, carpets with their respective author, measurement and name. • Declaration of value of the goods • Certificates for plants, potted flowers, fine arts, if any <p>Permanent Residences need to present the following on the top of the above documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof that pension will be received in Bulgaria. • Prof that real estate property has been sold abroad • Copy of registered company in Bulgaria • Copy of real estate property document 	<p>Duty free entry</p> <p>Used HHG could be imported duty free by foreign citizens coming for business purposes and /or foreign citizens coming for permanent residency provided that the shipper is able to present the required documents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is always the possibility that Import duty and VAT might be applied for import of household goods and cars and this is subject at cost. The Customs authorities orders if import duty and VAT must apply basing on the documents available, packing and inventory lists, value declaration, and the period and reason of stay abroad. • List must show approximate value of HHG declared by owner. • COD payments are not allowed <p>Important: The Customs authorities may impose a 5% - 20% tax on import of household and VAT of 20%.</p>
Removal Goods <i>Bulgarian citizens returning to Bulgaria</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A detailed packing list in English, describing the quantities of all items. Also the weight of all valuable items should be stated out on the packing list. • Serial number and make of electric and electronic articles must be described on the packing list as well. • Pro-forma invoice that declares the value of the goods for Customs purposes only and includes INCO terms of delivery. Declaration 	<p>The duty-free import of personal effects shall be granted upon authorization by the head officer of the customs office in the city of Bulgaria where the respective natural person has permanent residence. (The residence stated into his Identity Card)</p> <p>Duty-free import of personal effects shall be authorized only for returning Bulgarian citizen who have resided permanently outside Bulgaria</p>	<p>NOTA BENE: There is always the possibility that Import duty and VAT might be applied for import of household goods and cars and this is subject at cost. The Customs authorities orders if import duty and VAT must apply basing on the documents available, packing and inventory lists, value declaration, and the period and reason of stay abroad. Final decision is upon Customs House Chief. In most cases a tax of 5%-20% and VAT of 20% applies.</p>



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	<p>of value can be used as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory list with prices for all valuable items i.e. paintings, carpets with their respective author, measurement and name • A copy of the customer's passport - all pages. • Sanitary Certificates for plants, potted flowers, if any • Affidavit-notarized statement that Customer returns on permanent basis with inclusion whether he has been abroad with his family or alone.(done in Bulgaria) • A letter from the employer or Bulgarian Embassy abroad stating out that the client has been appointed and mentioning the period of the stay abroad-translated in Bulgarian. • Residence in Bulgaria that can be proved with rental contract or document for ownership of real estate property. Lichna karta has to be provided as well. • Power of Attorney to Orbit Ltd. to deal with customs formalities regarding the import of the household goods. A notary must legalize the Power of Attorney 	<p>for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the change of residence. This can be proved with original documents from a third party as employer, Bulgarian Embassy and all copies of passport. There should not be a discrepancy of more than 6 months between the date of arrival in Bulgaria of the person and the date of shipment arrival.</p> <p>Duty-free import shall be granted only to Persons that has resided abroad for business or educational reasons. Household goods and personal effects should be at least 6 months old and have been possessed for private use by the persons moving to reside permanently in Bulgaria. VAT must have been paid.</p> <p>(Declared value of the shipment should not normally exceed EUR 1500.)</p> <p>Privately owned vehicles – POV (car) should have been used by the persons at the place of their previous permanent residence for at least 6 months prior to the date of departure.</p> <p>POV's which have been granted duty-free import, should not be hired, pledged, leased out or transferred, for remuneration or gratuitously, prior to the expiry of 24 months as from the date of acceptance of the declaration for release under the import procedure without the prior authorization of the customs office having authorized the import. Where the motor vehicles are hired, pledged, leased out or transferred prior to the expiry of this period, the customs office shall collect the customs duties and taxes payable in respect of vehicles in accordance with</p>	



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Foreign citizens coming for business purposes	<p>Duty free import can be requested when Customer is able to present following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power of attorney - sample attached at the last page of this document. Should be in original and legalized by a Bulgarian notary • Proof of living and working abroad for the previous 12 months • Local identity card for temporary residence • Present copy of all pages of international passport • Letter/contract from Employer stating employment. • Declaration of value for the goods / pro-forma invoice incl. INCO delivery terms(not suggested to be over EUR 1500,-) • Packing list in English and list of electric and electronic appliances with serial nr. Certificates for plants, potted flowers, fine arts, if any 		<p>NOTA BENE:There is always the possibilitythat Import duty and VAT might be applied for import of household goods and cars and this is subject at cost. The Customs authorities orders if import duty and VAT must apply basing on the documents available, packing and inventory lists, value declaration, and the period and reason of stay abroad. Final decision is upon Customs House Chief. In most cases a tax of 5%-20% and VAT of 20% applies.</p>
Foreign citizens coming for permanent residency	<p>Duty free import when Customer is able to present following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power of attorney to Orbit– sample attached 		<p>NOTA BENE:There is always the possibilitythat Import duty and VAT might be applied for import</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> at the end of this document. Should be in original and legalized by a Bulgarian notary • Proof of living and working abroad for the previous 12 months • Local identity card for permanent residence • Present copy of all pages of international passport • Declaration of value of the goods • Packing list in English and list of electric and electronic appliances with serial nr. • Present a prove that pension will be received in Bulgaria. • Present a prove that real estate property has been sold abroad • Present a copy of registered company in Bulgaria • Present a copy of real estate property document • Certificates for plants, potted flowers, fine arts, if any 		<p>of household goods and cars and this is subject at cost. The Customs authorities orders if import duty and VAT must apply basing on the documents available, packing and inventory lists, value declaration, and the period and reason of stay abroad. Final decision is upon Customs House Chief. In most cases a tax of 5%-20% and VAT of 20% applies.</p>
Diplomatic Removals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special "Request for import" customs form; demanding permission for duty free import of HHG issued by the Embassy and verified by the Consular Section of the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs • Packing list • Separate list of the serial numbers and brands of the electric and electronic appliances • Letter of authorization for Orbit Ltd. to deal with the customs clearance certified by a notary 	Duty free	
Motor cars, motor cycles, vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original certificate of title for the vehicle. • Transport documents with which the vehicle entered Bulgaria. 		<p>Duty free for privately owned vehicles (POV). These should have been used by the persons at their previous permanent residence for at least 6 months prior to the date of departure.</p>



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			<p>regulations.</p> <p>POV's, which have been granted duty-free import, should not be hired, pledged, leased out or transferred, for remuneration or gratuitously, prior to the expiry of 24 months from the date of acceptance of the declaration for release under the import procedure without the prior authorization of the customs office having authorized the import.</p> <p>Duty-free import shall not be authorized for more than one car for private use commercial motor vehicles, as well as any other vehicles intended to be used for the carrying on commercial activities; professional equipment other than portable instruments and apparatus, common sense quantity of furniture and electronic equipment</p> <p>Due to the traffic in stolen vehicles, always contact the removal agent for the latest</p>
Electrical appliances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete list 		Separate list including the serial numbers and brands of all electric articles
Electronic Articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete list 		Separate list including the serial numbers and brands of all electronic articles
Forbidden Items		<p>Forbidden items: drugs, firearms, pornographic materials, alcoholic beverages- the allowance is: 1 liter of liquor or 1.5 liters of wine, tobacco up to 200 cigarettes or 10 cigars. and 50 ml. of perfumes</p>	
Domestic pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterinary certificate. 		
Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phytosanitary certificate. Certificates for plants, potted flowers, fine arts, if any 		



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Fumigation of imported and exported wooden crates	Bulgarian Government adopted ISPM-15 (International standards for Phytosanitary Measures Publication 15) Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (aka NIFM-15) to standardise the treatment of wood packing materials used for the transport of goods. Details of the requirements will be provided as soon as possible.		